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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ROUTING MESSAGES BETWEEN APPLICATIONS

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/820,966	BROUK ET AL.	
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LAN-DAI Thi TRUONG

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1.  This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 08/27/2009.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-10,17-79,84 and 85.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All      b)  Some\*      c)  None      of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ .
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1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 06/09/09; 07/05/05; 03/21/06
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
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5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other The amendment to the specification (filed on November, 5th, 2009, through facsimile) .

/Kenny S Lin/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2452

## DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is response to communications: application, filed on 03/30/2001; amendments filed on 08/27/2009. Claims 1, 3-10, 17-79 and 84-85 are pending; claims 11-16 and 80-83 are canceled; claims 1, 32-52 and 63-84 are amended.
2. The amendment to the specification (filed on November, 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, through facsimile) is entered.
3. The amendment to the specification filed on 01/25/2005 is entered.
4. The amendment to the drawing filed on 12/07/2006 is entered.
5. Authorization for this examiner's amendments to claims 1, 32-52 and 63-84 was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Daryl C. Josephson, Reg. No. 37,365 on October 28, 2009 at 2:30 PM.

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for routing messages from one or more sending services to one or more recipient services across a message interchange network, said message interchange network being built on an open platform overlaying a public network and providing for application integration as a service, wherein at least some of the one or more sending services and the one or more recipient services are managed by different organizational entities, and wherein each sending service and recipient service is accessible according to properties and permissions associated with each of the sending services and recipient services, comprising:
  - (a) receiving a message from a sending service, said message including a header element and at least one of: a body element including one or more documents that a sending service is

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sending to a recipient service, and an attachment including one or more documents that a sending service is sending to a recipient service;

(b) determining a route path for delivery of said message to said one or more recipient services, said route path including one or more in-transit services, said determining being based on an evaluation of two or more routing scripts selected from the group consisting of: a routing script defined by a sending service, a routing script defined by a recipient service, and one or more routing scripts defined by one or more in-transit services, such that each service is capable of independently affecting said determining of said route path during a logical routing of said message represented by said evaluation; and

(c) delivering said message to an in-transit service in said route path, wherein said in-transit service performs an identifiable operation on said message as said message travels from a sending service to a recipient service, the identifiable operation altering the content of the message to ensure that the message has the proper format for the recipient service.

32. (currently amended) A message routing computer system, comprising:

a message routing network built on an open platform overlaying a public network and providing for application integration as a service, said message routing network enabling routing of messages between a sending service and one or more recipient services, wherein at least some of the one or more sending services and the one or more recipient services are managed by different organizational entities, said message routing network further enabling inclusion of a plurality of in-transit services into said message routing network, wherein an in-transit service can be selectively included in a routing for a message based upon an identifiable type of processing that said in-transit service can perform on said message, a route path defining

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delivery of said message to said one or more recipient services, said route path including one or more of the in-transit services, said route path determined based on an evaluation of two or more routing scripts selected from the group consisting of: a routing script defined by a sending service, a routing script defined by a recipient service, and one or more routing scripts defined by one or more in-transit services, such that each service is capable of independently affecting said determining of said route path during a logical routing of said message represented by said evaluation. If delivering said message to an in-transit service in said route path, wherein said in-transit service performs an identifiable operation on said message as said message travels from a sending service to a recipient service, the identifiable operation altering the content of the message to ensure that the message has the proper format for the recipient service.

33. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 32, wherein said in-transit service performs one of a data transformation operation, an enrichment operation, a cross-reference ID mapping operation, a filtering operation, and a credit scoring operation.

34. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 32, wherein an in-transit service is included in said routing based on a routing script.

35. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 34, wherein said route path is defined by the sending service.

36. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 34, wherein said route path is defined by the recipient service.

37. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 34, wherein said route path is defined by the in-transit service.

38. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 34, wherein said route path is defined by the sending service, the recipient service, and the in-transit service.

39. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 34, wherein said routing is determined recursively.

40. (Original currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 34, wherein said routing is determined prior to physical delivery of said message.

41. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 34, wherein said routing is determined during logical and physical delivery of said message.

42. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 34, wherein a routing script defines a procedure that determines an existence of one or more attributes of the message.

43. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 34, wherein a routing script defines a procedure based on pattern matching.

44. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 34, wherein a routing script defines a procedure that compares one or more attributes of a message to a reference value.

45. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 34, wherein a routing script is based on a routing rule, said routing rule including a condition and one or more actions.

46. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 45, wherein said condition is one of an equals, not-equals, equals-one-of, less-than, greater-than, and exists operators.

47. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 45, wherein said condition is a combination of one or more conditions.

48. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 47, wherein said one or more conditions are combined using one or more of an AND, OR, XOR, and NOT operators.

49. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 32, wherein said message routing network provides a transport level messaging service.

50. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 32, wherein said message is delivered to said recipient service after said message has been routed to all in-transit services in said route path.

51. (currently amended) A computer program product, stored on ~~a machine-readable medium~~ computer-usuable medium, for routing messages from one or more sending services to one or more recipient services across a message interchange network, said message interchange network being built on an open platform overlaying a public network and providing for application integration as a service, wherein at least some of the one or more sending services and the one or more recipient services are managed by different organizational entities, and wherein each sending service and recipient service is accessible according to properties and permissions associated with each of the sending services and recipient services, comprising instructions operable to cause a computer to:

receive a message from a sending service, said message including a header element and at least one of: a body element including one or more documents that a sending service is

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sending to a recipient service, and an attachment including one or more documents that a sending service is sending to a recipient service;

determine a route path for delivery of said message to said one or more recipient services, said route path including one or more in-transit services, said determining being based on an evaluation of two or more routing scripts selected from the group consisting of: a routing script defined by a sending service, a routing script defined by a recipient service, and one or more routing scripts defined by one or more in-transit services, such that each service is capable of independently affecting said determining of said route path during a logical routing of said message represented by said evaluation; and

Deliver said message to an in-transit service in said route path, wherein said in-transit service has been created to perform an identifiable operation on said message as said message travels from a sending service to a recipient service, the identifiable operation altering the content of the message to ensure that the message has the proper format for the recipient service.

52. (currently amended) A message routing network method, comprising:

(a) receiving a registration request from a service for inclusion in a message routing network, said message routing network being built on an open platform overlaying a public network and providing for application integration as a service, said service being operative to provide a data operation according to properties and permissions associated with said service;

(b) including said service in a directory of services, said directory of services enabling users of said message routing network to define at least a portion of a desired data processing on a message; and

(c) determining a route path for delivery of a message to one or more recipient services, said route path including one or more in-transit services, said determining being based on an evaluation of two or more routing scripts selected from the group consisting of: a routing script defined by a sending service, a routing script defined by a recipient service, and one or more routing scripts defined by one or more in-transit services, such that each service is capable of independently affecting said determining of said route path during a logical routing of said message represented by said evaluation. If delivering said message to an in-transit service in said route path, wherein said in-transit service performs an identifiable operation on said message as said message travels from a sending service to a recipient service, the identifiable operation altering the content of the message to ensure that the message has the proper format for the recipient service.

63. (currently amended) A computer program product, stored on ~~a machine-readable medium~~ computer-usuable medium, comprising instructions operable to cause a computer to:

receive a registration request from a service for inclusion in a message routing network, said message routing network being built on an open platform overlaying a public network and providing for application integration as a service, said service being operative to provide a data operation according to properties and permissions associated with said service;

include said service in a directory of services, said directory of services enabling users of said message routing network to define at least a portion of a desired data processing on a message; and

determine a route path for delivery of a message to one or more recipient services, said route path including one or more in-transit services, said determining being based on an

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evaluation of two or more routing scripts selected from the group consisting of: a routing script defined by a sending service, a routing script defined by a recipient service, and one or more routing scripts defined by one or more in-transit services, such that each service is capable of independently affecting said determining of said route path during a logical routing of said message represented by said evaluation. If delivering said message to an in-transit service in said route path, wherein said in-transit service performs an identifiable operation on said message as said message travels from a sending service to a recipient service, the identifiable operation altering the content of the message to ensure that the message has the proper format for the recipient service.

64. (currently amended) A message routing computer system, comprising:

a message routing network having an interface that enables a plurality of services to post messages to and receive messages from said message routing network, said message routing network being built on an open platform overlaying a public network and providing for applicant integration as a service, wherein at least some of the one or more sending services and the one or more recipient services are managed by different organizational entities, and wherein each sending service and recipient service is accessible according to properties and permissions associated with each of the sending services and recipient services, at least a portion of said plurality of services providing a menu of data operations that can be selectively applied to a message traversing said message routing network, a route path defining delivery of a message to said one or more recipient services, said route path including one or more in-transit services, said route path determined based on an evaluation of two or more routing scripts selected from the group consisting of: a routing script defined by a sending service, a routing script defined by a

recipient service, and one or more routing scripts defined by one or more in-transit services, such that each service is capable of independently affecting said determining of said route path during a logical routing of said message represented by said evaluation. If delivering said message to an in-transit service in said route path, wherein said in-transit service performs an identifiable operation on said message as said message travels from a sending service to a recipient service, the identifiable operation altering the content of the message to ensure that the message has the proper format for the recipient service.

65. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 64, wherein said message routing network provides a transport level messaging service.

66. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 65, wherein said message routing network is implemented on a public network.

67. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 64, wherein said plurality of services include[[s]] a service that provides a data transformation service.

68. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 64, wherein said plurality of services include[[s]] a service that provides a data enrichment service.

69. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 64, wherein said plurality of services include[[s]] a service that provides a cross-reference service.

70. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 64, wherein said plurality of services include[[s]] a service that provides a filtering service.

71. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 64, wherein said plurality of services include[[s]] a service that provides a credit scoring service.

72. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 64, wherein a service is selected by a sending service.

73. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 64, wherein a service is selected by a recipient service.

74. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 64, wherein a service is selected by an in-transit service.

75. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 64, wherein said interface uses the Simple Object Access Protocol.

76. (~~Original~~ currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 64, wherein a service is selectively applied based on a routing script.

77. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 76, wherein said routing script maps an invocation of a first service to an invocation of a second service, wherein contexts of said invocations are managed by said message routing network.

78. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 76, wherein said script defines a procedure for enabling determination of at least part of a routing of a message between services.

79. (currently amended) The message routing computer system of claim 76, wherein said routing script is defined by one of a sending service, a recipient service, and an in-transit service.

80. (canceled) A message routing computer system, comprising: a message routing network that enables message routing between a plurality of services, wherein each service provides a data operation that is applied to a message traversing said routing, wherein said

message routing network generates a bill for at least part of said message routing based on usage of individual services.

81. (canceled) The message routing computer system of claim 80, wherein said bill is generated through an analysis of invocations of said plurality of services.

82. (canceled) The message routing computer system of claim 80, wherein said bill is based on message size.

83. (canceled) The message routing computer system of claim 80, wherein said bill is determined on a per transaction basis.

84. (currently amended) A method for routing messages from one or more sending services to one or more recipient services across a message interchange network, said message interchange network being built on an open platform overlaying a public network and providing for application integration as a service, the method comprising:

(a) receiving a message from a sending service, said message including a header and at least one of a body and an attachment, and wherein one or more of said body and said attachment includes one or more documents if said sending service is sending one or more documents to said sending service;

(b) determining a route path for delivery of said message to at least one of said recipient services, the determining including evaluating at least one of explicit route path instruction and one or more routing scripts, the routing scripts being at least optionally provided by one or more of services selected from a group consisting of said sending services, said recipient services, and in-transit services that may be coupled at least one of the message interchange network and one or more other in-transit services, wherein each service is capable of independently affecting said

determining of a route path during a logical routing of said message represented by said evaluating, and wherein two or more of said services may be managed by different organizational entities; and

(c) delivering said message to one or more of said in-transit services, wherein one or more of said in-transit services conduct independent processing of said message as said message travels from a sending service to a recipient service, the independent processing being selected from a group including data transformation, content modifying, filtering and service utilization tracking[[.]] ; wherein said in-transit service performs an identifiable operation on said message as said message travels from a sending service to a recipient service, the identifiable operation altering the content of the message to ensure that the message has the proper format for the recipient service.

### **Reasons for allowance**

6. With respect to claims 1, 32, 51-52, 63-64 and 84, the prior arts of record, singly or in combination fails to teach the features of claim(s) limitations thereof. Specially, inter alia, it fails to teach a method for routing messages from one or more sending services to one or more recipient services across a message interchange network, said message interchange network being built on an open platform overlaying a public network and providing for application integration as a service, the method comprising steps of: receiving a message from a sending service, said message is sending to a recipient service; determining a route path for delivery of said message to said one or more recipient services, said route path including one or more in-transit services, said determining being based on an evaluation of two or more routing scripts

selected from the group consisting of: a routing script defined by a sending service, a routing script defined by a recipient service, and one or more routing scripts defined by one or more in-transit services, such that each service is capable of independently affecting said determining of said route path during a logical routing of said message represented by said evaluation; and delivering said message to an in-transit service in said route path, wherein said in-transit service performs an identifiable operation on said message as said message travels from a sending service to a recipient service, the identifiable operation altering the content of the message to ensure that the message has the proper format for the recipient service.

Claims 3-10, 17-31, 33-50, 53-62, 65-79 and 85 further limit the allowed claims, therefore they are also allowed.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance”

## **Conclusions**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lan-Dai Thi Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-7959. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday from 8:30am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thu Nguyen whose can be reached on 571-272-6967. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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